

Implementation of General Assembly Resolution 72/279 on “Repositioning of the UN Development System”

Addendum to the Information Note of the Annual Session 2019

Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS – Second Regular Session 2019

1. UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNOPS and UN-Women are pleased to provide their respective Executive Boards with a further update on our engagement in the repositioning of the UN Development System. We remain fully committed to the UNDS Reform and to jointly drive all its remaining work streams forward in close coordination with the United Nations Sustainable Development Group (UNSDG), under the leadership of the Deputy Secretary-General and with the support of United Nations Development Coordination Office (DCO) and the Transition Team.

2. This paper complements the earlier information notes presented to the Executive Board in the First Regular Session and the Annual Session in 2019. It provides an update on recent developments since June. Additionally, it includes a mapping of regional assets and capacities, as requested by the Executive Board for information, in decision 2019/15.

3. In reference to paragraph 3 of decision 2019/15,

The Executive Board

Requests UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS to provide, for information at the next session of the Executive Board, a detailed mapping of their regional assets and capacities, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 72/279 and mindful of ongoing discussions on the revamping of the regional approach of the United Nations development system;

UNOPS wishes to inform the Executive Board that the information provided to the review of agency assets at regional level, including a list of country coverage, is shown in Annex I.

4. In reference to paragraph 5 of the same decision,

The Executive Board

Requests regular updates to the Executive Board on efficiency gains and their redeployments, through existing reporting mechanisms;

the cost-efficiencies UNOPS can offer to its UN partners and efficiency gains that can hence be achieved will be determined by the demand for UNOPS' services. Information on how the organization contributes to the achievement of efficiency gains will be provided once data becomes available on how UNOPS will be engaged by other entities of the United Nations system.

5. In reference to paragraph 8 of the same decision,

The Executive Board

Welcomes that UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS contributed their doubled contributions to the resident coordinator cost-sharing, and calls on UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS to implement the 1 per cent levy, as applicable, as per the operational guidance for implementing the coordination levy (12 March 2019) issued by the United Nations Development Coordination Office;

as of August 2019, UNOPS has not signed agreements or received contributions that are subject to the 1% coordination levy in accordance with the operational guidance and its financial regulations and rules adopted by Executive Board decision 2012/5.

Annex I

Regional Office Name	City	Country	Total CORE BUDGET expenditure (US\$) for most recent year available	Total ADDITIONAL FUNDS expenditure (US\$) for most recent year available	Number of Personnel from ICS-12 and above [P-5 and above]	Number of Personnel from ICS-8 to ICS-11 [P-1/NOA to P-4/NOD]	Number of Personnel from ICS-1 to ICS-7 [GS levels]	Number of Personnel from Professional Contractors	Countries under the purview of the regional office
Africa Region (AFR)	Copenhagen	Denmark	n/a	1,606,381	2	3	2	-	Algeria; Angola; Benin; Botswana; Burkina Faso; Burundi; Cabo Verde; Cameroon; Central African Republic; Comoros; Côte d'Ivoire; Democratic Republic of the Congo; Djibouti; Egypt; Ethiopia; Gabon; Gambia; Ghana; Guinea; Guinea-Bissau; Kenya; Lesotho; Liberia; Libya; Madagascar; Mali; Morocco; Mozambique; Niger; Nigeria; Rwanda; Sao Tome and Principe; Senegal; Sierra Leone; Somalia; South Africa; South Sudan; Sudan; Togo; Tunisia; Uganda; United Republic of Tanzania; Zambia; Zimbabwe
Asia Region (AR)	Bangkok	Thailand	n/a	1,699,737	3	5	4	-	Afghanistan; Bangladesh; Bhutan; Cambodia; China; Cook Islands; Fiji; India; Indonesia; Iran (Islamic Republic of); Kiribati; Lao People's Democratic Republic; Malaysia; Maldives; Myanmar; Nepal; Pakistan; Palau; Papua New Guinea; Philippines; Sri Lanka; Thailand; Tonga
Europe and Central Asia Region (ECR)	Geneva	Switzerland	n/a	1,412,344	2	2	-	-	Albania; Armenia; Azerbaijan; Georgia; Kazakhstan; Kosovo (As per UNSCR 1244); North Macedonia; Republic of Moldova; Romania; Serbia; Switzerland; Ukraine
Latin America and Caribbean Region (LCR)	Panama City	Panama	n/a	1,105,044	4	14	6	-	Antigua and Barbuda; Argentina; Belize; Bolivia (Plurinational State of); Brazil; Colombia; Costa Rica; Cuba; Dominica; Ecuador; El Salvador; Grenada; Guatemala; Haiti; Honduras; Jamaica; Mexico; Nicaragua; Panama; Paraguay; Peru; Saint Lucia; Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; Trinidad and Tobago; Uruguay
Middle East Region (MR)	Amman	Jordan	n/a	555,471	1	3	-	-	Iraq; Jordan; Lebanon; State of Palestine; Syrian Arab Republic; Turkey; Yemen

Comments: UNOPS does not receive contributions, and hence does not operate with a "Core Budget". UNOPS generates "revenue from other activities" as per CEB definition. "Additional funds" refers to the UNOPS administrative budget for the Office of the Regional Director (2018 data as at 01/03/2019). People data as at 31/12/2018.